#### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

ALEXUS MURPHY, MARKITTA WITCHER, and DIANE HANES, individually and on behalf of others similarly situated,	) ) )
	) Case No. 4:22-cv-12159
Plaintiffs,	) Hon. David M. Lawson
vs.	)
ACTIVE INTEREST MEDIA, INC.,	)
Defendant.	) )

## DEFENDANT'S EX PARTE MOTION TO ENLARGE REPLY BRIEF PAGE LIMIT

Defendant Active Interest Media, Inc. ("Defendant"), moves for a two page enlargement of its Reply Brief in Support of its Motion to Dismiss (for a total of nine pages) as follows:

- 1. Defendant's Reply Brief in support of its Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint [ECF 24] must be filed with this Court on or before Friday, March 10, 2023.
- 2. On March 6, 2023, Plaintiffs filed a Corrected Motion for Leave to File a Notice of Supplemental Authority [ECF 28]. Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave concerns a Report and Recommendation issued by Magistrate Judge Kimberly G.

Altman in *Briscoe v. NTVB Media, Inc.*, which has not been adopted by U.S. District Court Judge F. Kay Behm, and which is currently open to objection by defendant in that case.

- 3. On March 6, 2023, Chief Judge Hala Jarbou of the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan issued an Opinion, Order and Judgment in *Bozung v. Christianbook, LLC*, Case No. 1:22-cv-304 (Attached as **Exhibit A**). In *Bozung*, Judge Jarbou addressed nearly identical issues as those raised in this matter concerning Michigan's Preservation of Personal Privacy Act, disagreed with the Report and Recommendation that is the subject of Plaintiffs' pending Motion for Leave, followed Judge Stephen Murphy's decision in *Nashel v. New York Times*, No. 2:22-cv-10655, 2022 WL 6775657 (E.D. Mich. Oct. 11, 2022), and granted the defendant's motion to dismiss the plaintiff's Complaint pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6).
- 4. The March 6 *Bozung* decision by the Chief Judge of the Western District is thus a significant ruling. In order to fully address the very recent *Bozung* decision, a modest enlargement of Defendant's Reply Brief of two pages is warranted.
- 5. Defendant will make a good faith effort to condense its Reply Brief as much as is practicable.

- 6. On March 7, 2023, Defendant explained the nature and basis of this Motion to Plaintiffs and sought concurrence, but such concurrence was denied, and Plaintiff's counsel requested that Defendant state the reason for his denial as "there is no reason why [Defendant] can't discuss this single decision in the allotted space."
- 7. This Court previously denied Defendant's request for an enlargement of pages for its Reply Brief at the December 14, 2022 scheduling conference, but that was prior to the issuance of the *Bozung* decision.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court grant its *ex* parte Motion and enter an order enlarging the page limit for its Reply Brief by two pages (for a total Reply Brief length of nine pages).

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: March 7, 2023 s/Carol G. Schley

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# DEFENDANT'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF EX PARTE MOTION TO ENLARGE REPLY BRIEF PAGE LIMIT

**ISSUE PRESENTED** 

Whether the Court should enlarge the page limit for Defendant's Reply Brief in support of its Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint by two

pages (for a total of nine pages).

Defendant Responds: Yes

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## **CONTROLLING OR MOST APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY**

LR 7.1(d)(3)

Kimble v. Hoso, 439 F.3d 331, 336 (6th Cir. 2006)

### **LAW AND ARGUMENT**

For the reasons addressed in its Motion, Defendant requests an additional two pages for its Reply Brief in Support of its Motion to Dismiss Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint. This modest enlargement is justified so that Defendant may address the arguments raised in Plaintiffs' Response Brief, the arguments raised in Plaintiffs' Motion for Leave, and the March 6, 2023 Opinion, Order and Judgment in *Bozung v. Christianbook, LLC*, Case No. 1:22-cv-304 (Attached as **Exhibit A**).

The decision to extend page limitations is within the Court's discretion. *Kimble v. Hoso*, 439 F.3d 331, 336 (6th Cir. 2006). Defendant will also make a good faith effort to condense its Reply Brief to make it as succinct as practicable.

For these reasons and those set forth in the accompanying Motion, Defendant respectfully requests that the Court grant Defendant's *Ex Parte* Motion to Enlarge Reply Brief Page Limit by two pages, for a total of nine pages.

Dated: March 7, 2023 Respectfully submitted:

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on March 7, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing paper with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all attorneys of record.

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